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SIDE ONE

Rockhall Sunday 30th Octr 1773

Dear Sir

I have this day called on Mr Read to go to Baltimore agreeable to his promise to settle the Bills, & he had only that moment Returned from Virginia where he has been to recover the other Vessell he had a Bill of Sale for from Custis, But when he got down he found that Custis had conveyed all his Personal Estate away before, & had Included the Negroes I have and Both the Vessels. But had Bills and Cash to a very large amount by him, and had concluded ay Due to Baltimore in order as he supposes to redeem his Boat & Negroes But since, this Read called at Annapolis and there he Met with Mr Masters who told him Custis was gone from Baltimore to Philadelphia (Via the head of Elk) to sell some Bills of Exchange he Rec'd in Baltimore, upon this Read has dispatched one Medletton from Annapolis with 4 Proc'd Writs to apprehend him, this is to Beg you'll make Diligency of your Sheriff if such Writ has come to his hands if it has not pray my dear Sir Sheu one immediately in my Name for £200 Sty. and Capt. Mcgachin. I am informed knows him. so that by a strict lookout on the point its probable he may be ~~Taken~~ Taken. and for this purpose please to hire some person & I will cheerfully pay the Expence, if he should be taken pray send over ~~for me~~ an Express for me. and I will either send or come and receive the Money, and pay you &c